

# Our State Geography in a Snap: Three Regions Overview <sup>[1]</sup>

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The three landforms of North Carolina make up the three major geographic regions of the state: the **Coastal Plain** <sup>[3]</sup>, the **Piedmont** <sup>[4]</sup>, and the **Mountains** <sup>[5]</sup>. The Coastal Plain Region is usually divided into two sub regions: the Outer Coastal Plain, commonly referred to as the Tidewater; and the Inner Coastal, which is less impacted by the effects of the ocean as it is located further inward.

### North Carolina regions by county



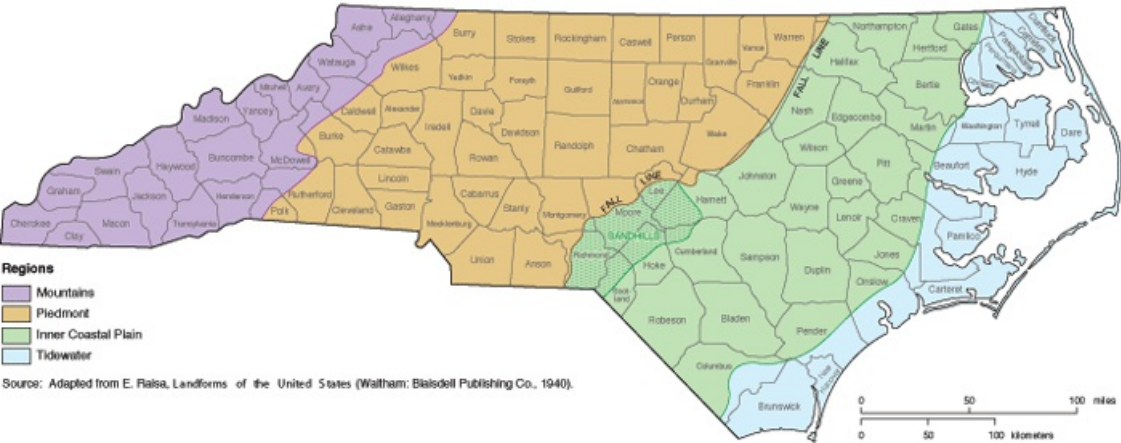
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### North Carolina physical regions

**Figure 1a.** Physical Regions

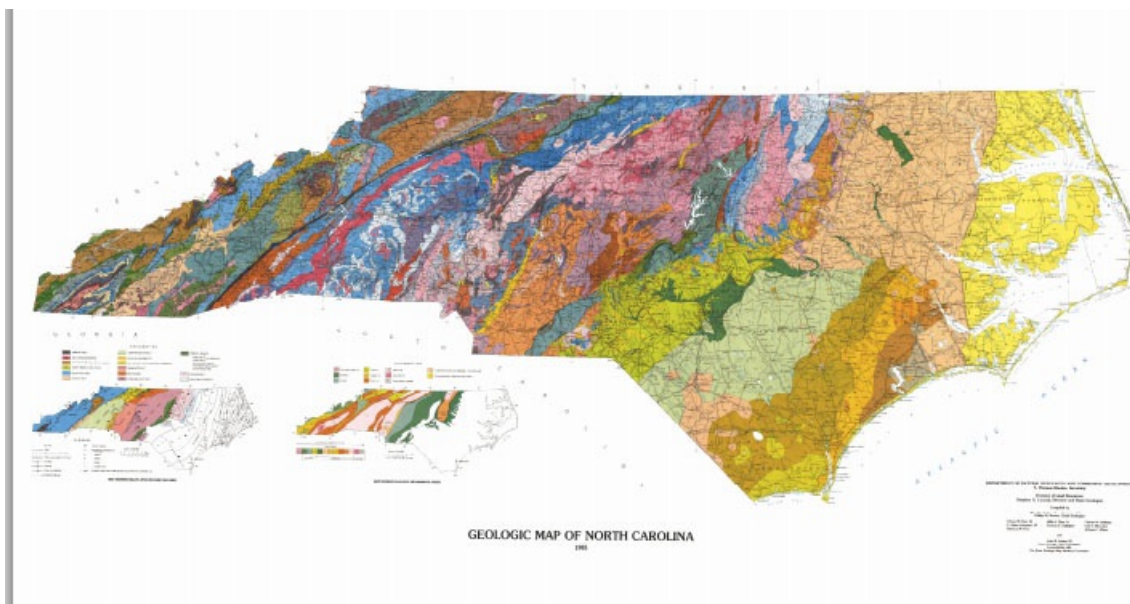


Physical boundaries that divide the regions

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